

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

December 17, 2013

Merrick Bobb has served as Special Counsel to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors since 1993, providing Semi-Annual Reports to the Board relating to all aspects of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's operations. During this extensive period of time, Merrick Bobb has provided invaluable assistance in helping to manage the risk of police misconduct.

In 2001, the Board created the Office of Independent Review (OIR) to ensure that allegations of intradepartmental misconduct in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, including those which constitute criminal conduct, are investigated and reviewed in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner. OIR's functions have been expanded over the years, and OIR also provides oversight of the Probation Department's Internal Affairs operations. OIR services are currently provided through agreements with the following OIR attorneys: Michael Gennaco, Robert Miller, Julie Ruhlin, Angelica Arias, Cynthia Hernandez, Bitu Shasty, Walter M. Katz, and Diana M. Teran.

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The Board-appointed Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence has recommended that an Office of Inspector General (OIG) be created for the Sheriff's Department. Planning for that entity is underway, and OIG is expected to go into effect sometime in the very near future. Agreements with Merrick Bobb and the OIR attorneys expire on December 31, 2013. As such, it would be appropriate to extend the agreements with Merrick Bobb and the OIR attorneys for three months from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 and thereafter on a month-to-month basis from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, to enable the Board to address the issue of the Sheriff's Department oversight in a comprehensive and contemporaneous fashion.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE,** at the request of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer, that County Counsel be instructed to draft, and that the Chairman of the Board be instructed to execute, amendments to the County's agreements with Merrick Bobb and the following OIR attorneys: Michael Gennaco, Robert Miller, Julie Ruhlin, Angelica Arias, Cynthia Hernandez, Bitia Shasty, Walter M. Katz, and Diana M. Teran, extending the term of the agreements from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 and thereafter on a month-to-month basis from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, for a total extension period not to exceed six months.

**I FURTHER MOVE,** that the Inspector General be instructed to perform a ninety day assessment of the services performed by Merrick Bobb and the OIR attorneys and provide recommendations to the Board as to whether agreements with Merrick Bobb

and the OIR attorneys should be continued.

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